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REGION VII
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Mr. Jeffrey R. Vonk, Director
Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Henry A. Wallace Building
502 East 9th Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Mr. Vonk:

Re: Approval of Iowa TMDL

This letter responds to the submission from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 on January 26, 2006, for one Turbidity Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL). Spring Lake is identified on Iowa's 2004 §303(d) list as impaired. This submission is in response to the Clean Water Act statutory requirement to develop TMDLs for impairments listed on a state's §303(d) list. The specific impairment (water body segment and pollutant) are:

| Water Body Name | WBID | Listed pollutant | TMDL pollutant |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Spring Lake | IA-04-RAC-00805-L | Turbidity | Sediment |

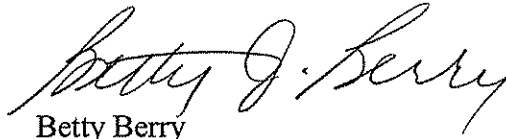
EPA has completed its review of the TMDLs with supporting documentation and information. By this letter, EPA approves the submitted TMDL. Enclosed with this letter is the Region 7 TMDL Decision Document which summarizes the rationale for EPA's approval of this TMDL. EPA believes the separate elements of the TMDL described in the enclosed form adequately address the pollutant of concern, taking into consideration seasonal variation and a margin of safety.

EPA is currently in consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding this TMDL. While EPA is approving this TMDL at the present time, EPA may decide that changes to this TMDL is warranted based upon the results of the consultation when it is completed.

While an implementation plan described by Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) were part of the TMDL submittal, it was not considered part of EPA's approval or disapproval.

We appreciate the thoughtful effort that IDNR has put into this TMDL. We will continue to cooperate with and assist, as appropriate, in future efforts by IDNR to develop remaining TMDLs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Betty J. Berry".

Betty Berry
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Enclosure

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